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JANUARY 1969

PART TWO

THE HOUSE WAS DARK WHEN I CAME HOME THAT NIGHT AND I WAITED UNTIL MY DAD LEFT FOR WORK BEFORE I GOT UP THE NEXT MORNING.

YOU READY FOR COFFEE?

ART: GERRY MOONEY

STORY: ANONYMOUS

WELL, SURPRISE, SURPRISE. DADDY CALLED ASSHOLE LAST NIGHT. HE CAN'T MARRY YOU EVEN IF HE WANTED TO BECAUSE HE'S STILL MARRIED! **STILL MARRIED!**

YOU TOLD US HE WAS DIVORCED, YOU LIED.

I SAW THE PAPERS WHEN HE FILED, WE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE A COUPLE OF WEEKS, A MONTH TOPS.

YOU'RE HOPELESS. I'M TAKING THE KIDS ROLLERSKATING, SO WE'LL BE OUT WHEN DADDY GETS HOME. HE'S HAVING A LITTLE CHAT WITH FAT-ASS IN PERSON. HE'LL BE HOME ABOUT 5:30 TO TALK TO YOU. GOOD LUCK.

SHE WENT TO HER ROOM AND SHUT THE DOOR. SHE NEVER DOES THAT UNLESS THERE'S A DEATH IN THE FAMILY.

I KNEW AT THAT POINT IT WAS ALL GOING TO BE UP TO DADDY.

WHEN SHE CAME OUT SHE SEEMED EVEN MADDER THAN BEFORE.

YOU'RE NOT GETTING AN ABORTION!

NO, MAMMA! CANDY DIED...

I KNOW, I KNOW!

I'M GLAD YOU'RE NOT. I BELIEVE ANY WOMAN WHO HAS AN ABORTION DESERVES TO DIE.

I SPENT THE DAY IN DREAD. MY ONLY HOPE WAS THAT I WOULD HAVE A PLACE TO STAY IN CASE HE WOULDN'T TAKE ME BACK.

I'M PRETTY SURE MAMMA WOULD LET ME, BUT I WAS NOT SO SURE ABOUT MY DAD.

I FOUND THE NEWSPAPER AND LOOKED IN THE CLASSIFIED ADS FOR UNWED MOTHERS' HOMES.

THERE WAS ONLY ONE LISTED IN THIS STATE AND YOU HAD TO GIVE UP YOUR BABY TO BE ADOPTED.

I KNEW I NEEDED A PLAN, BUT I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO.

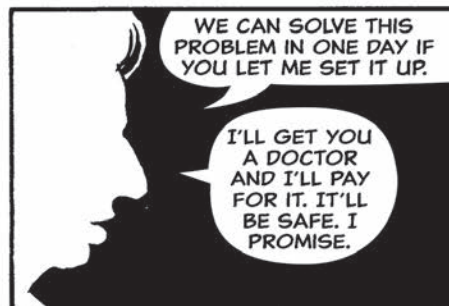
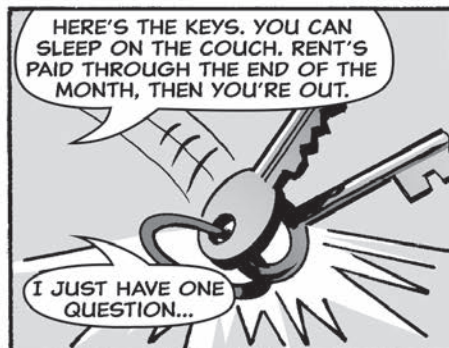
I COULD NEVER DO THAT. I HAD ADOPTED COUSINS. AUNT HELENA AND UNCLE BOB WERE MEAN TO THEM EVEN AFTER EVERYONE FOUND OUT.

WHAT IF I HAD A BABY BOY AND HE GOT DRAFTED AND KILLED LIKE IN VIET NAM?

WHAT IF I HAD A LITTLE GIRL LIKE ME AND NOBODY EVER WANTED HER?









Everyone talks about the weather,
but no one does anything about it.



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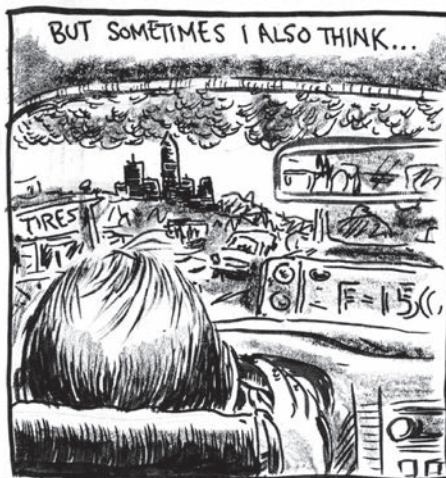
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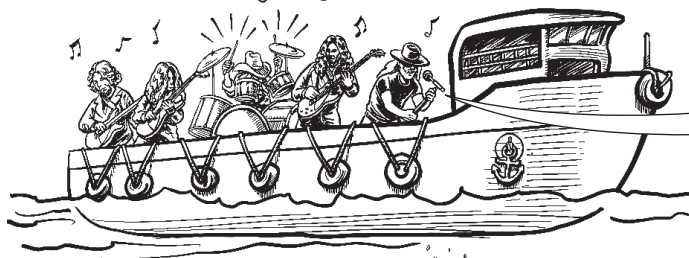
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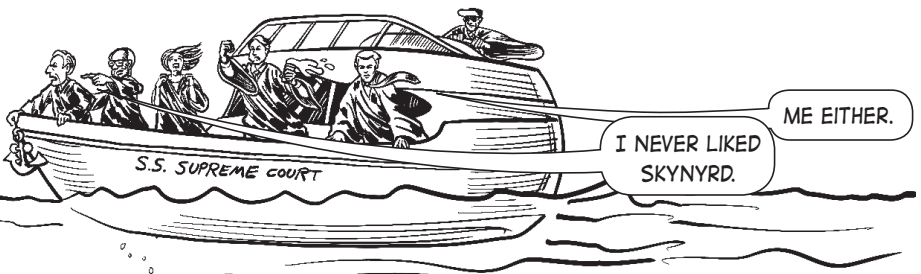
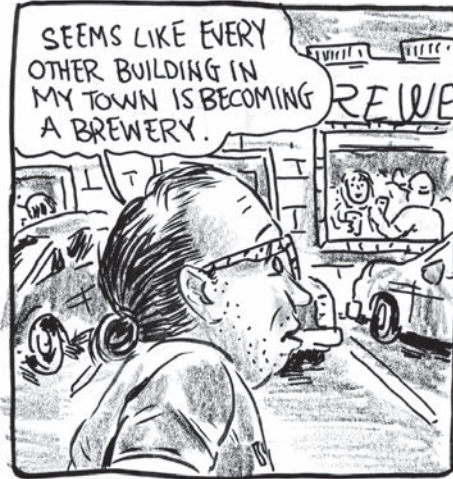
by Henry Eudy



SKYNYRD LOVE by Greg Russell



SO WHY DON'T WE DUMP 'EM, PEOPLE, TO THE BOTTOM OF THE SEA, BEFORE SOME OL' FOOL COME AROUND HERE, WANNA SHOOT EITHER YOU OR ME.





by Greg Russell



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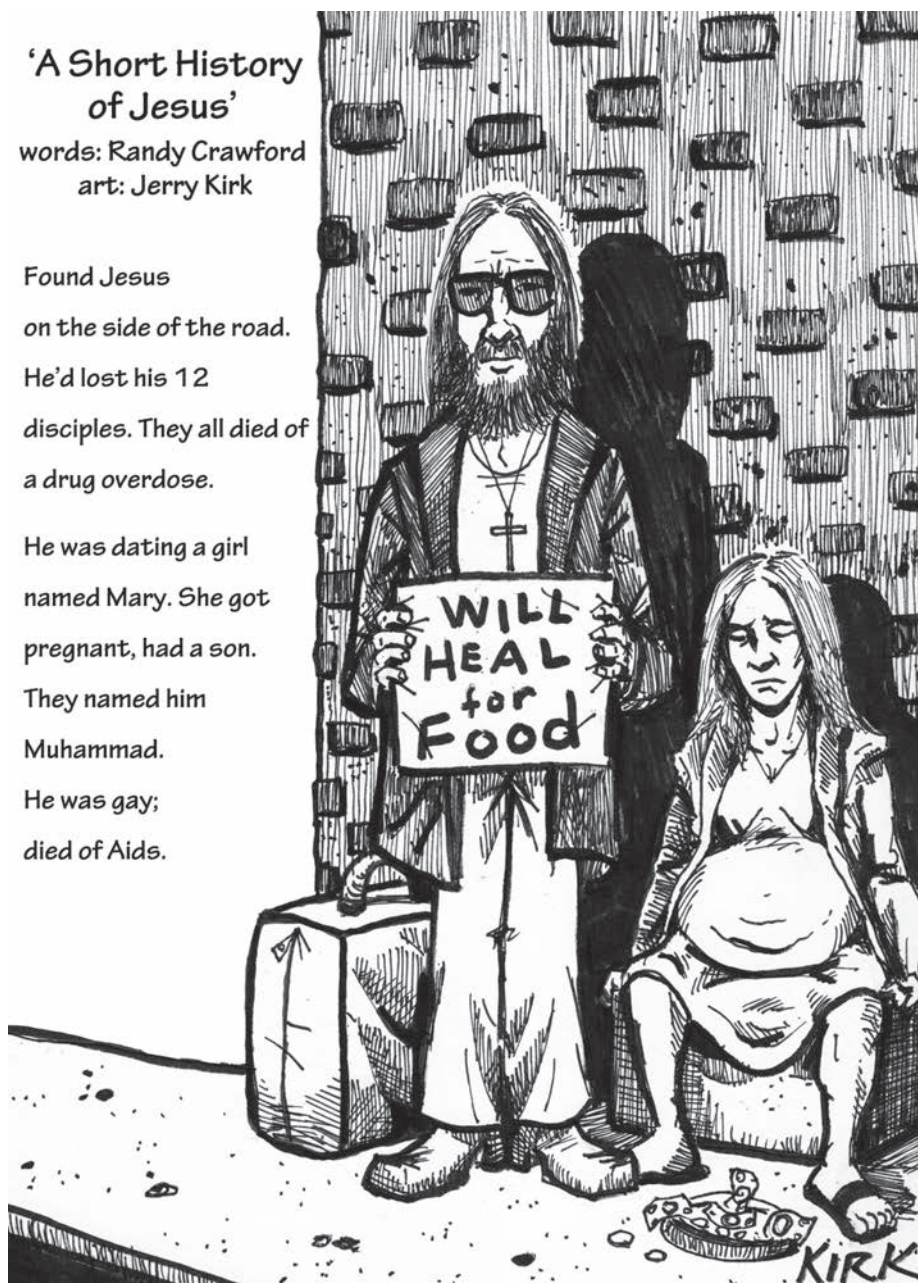
art: Jerry Kirk

Found Jesus
on the side of the road.
He'd lost his 12
disciples. They all died of
a drug overdose.

He was dating a girl
named Mary. She got
pregnant, had a son.

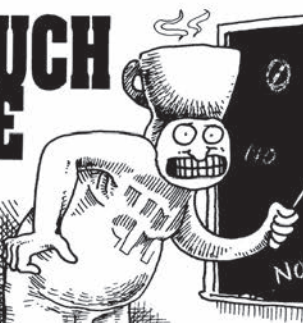
They named him
Muhammad.

He was gay;
died of Aids.



TOO MUCH COFFEE MAN

Shannon Wheeler



I HAVE TO GO TO FRANCE AGAIN FOR MY HIGH PAYING JOB.



I READ ALL THE MATERIAL, WENT TO EVERY CLASS, AND STUDIED SUPERHARD...BUT I ONLY MADE AN A-!



I'M SO BUSY I DON'T HAVE TIME TO ENJOY THE MONEY I MAKE.



MY GIRLFRIEND WANTS SEX ALL THE TIME. IT'S JUST TOO EXHAUSTING.



THAT'S TOO BAD. I KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN. I'M SO SORRY. HOW TERRIBLE. NO KIDDING? IT MUST BE AWFUL. YOU DON'T SAY. GEE.



I DON'T HAVE ENOUGH SPACE FOR ALL MY CDS.



BEING WHITE AND MALE JUST KILLS ME ON GRANTS AND JOB APPLICATIONS.



STOP COMPLAINING!! IT SOUNDS AWFUL. IT MAKES YOU LOOK LIKE A JERK. AND NO ONE REALLY CARES ANYWAY.



WHAT ABOUT YOU? HUH? YOU'RE JUST A HYPOCRITE!



THE MORGS by @stencilspray

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i am so fucking
thirsty.



and i feel like
shit.



i really need to
drink some water.



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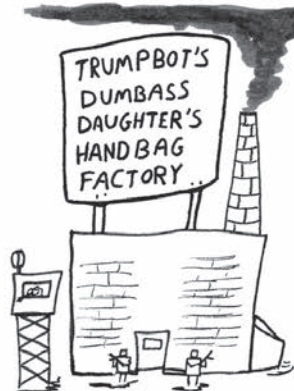
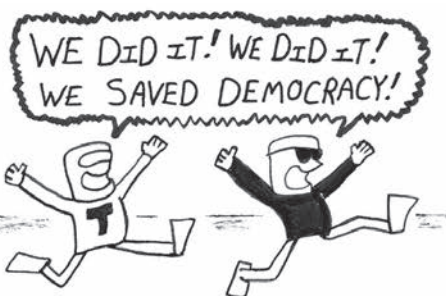
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My Angel

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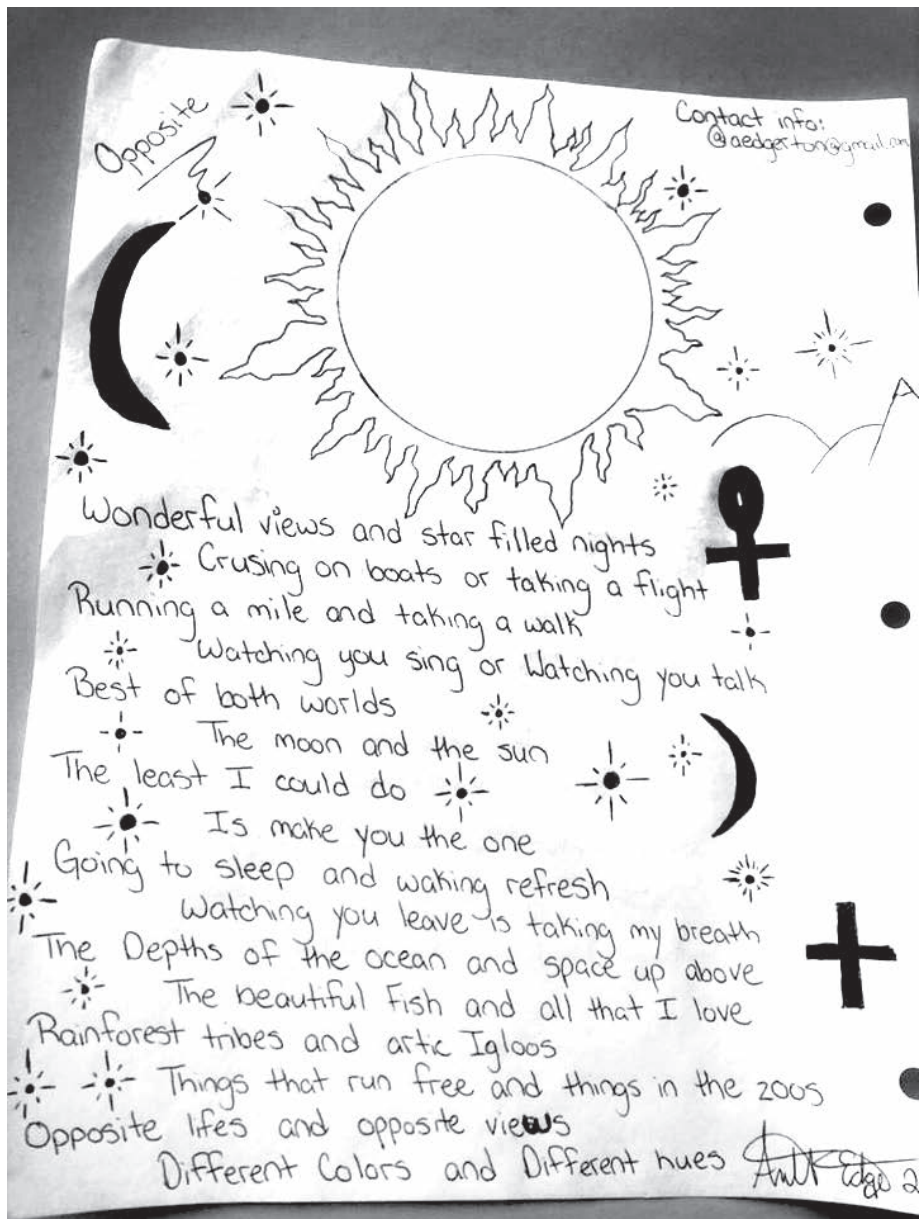
The way that you look,
You as beautiful as snow,
And if you don't know,
I'm a sucker fasho,
I'm a sucker for you,
And everything that you do,
I'm in love with the way,
With the way that you move,
With the way that you talk,
With the way that you walk,
If love was a drug,
I'd be outlined in chalk,
Baby girl, you the shit,
And I hope that you know it,
I'm just tryna get us back,
Pray to God that you notice,



That im in love with you,
I'm in love to the core,
Even when I get enough,
My body craving more,
My body craving you,
Oh so cold like a snow angel,
My heart knows it's you,
Baby girl, you are my angel.

OPPOSITE

by ANTHONY THE POET



'Evening Stroll' by Jerry Kirk







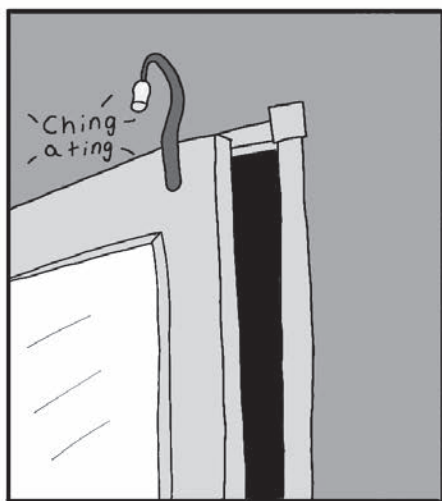
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Man



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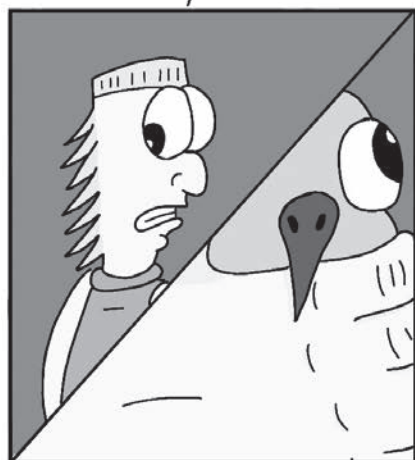




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Ryan



Drawn by



Howatt



'Post Middle-Age Crisis' by Jerry L. Kirk

Leaning forward towards
the mirror I look closely
into my own eyes.
Surprised to see the light
subtly fading in and out
almost flickering like a
neon bulb

Creases around my eyes have
deepened. Pulling back I notice
the lines of my face more prominent

With these comes the realization
followed by desperation that I am
no longer yesterday yet somehow
incomplete; still evolving even as I
devolve

The damned
flickering flickering continues. So much
to do so very much before the light
goes

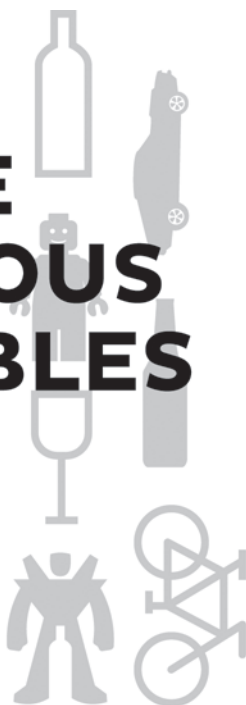
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